

Remarks

In the Office Action, claims 1-15, 17-30, and 32-35 have been allowed. However claims 16 and 31 have been newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the applicants regard as the invention.

In response, claim 16 is amended to recite that the composition of claim 1 further comprises a glassy nematic liquid crystal compound selected from the group consisting of 1,3,5-tris-{3-[4-(4'cyano-biphenyl-4-yloxy-carbonyl)-phenoxy]-propyl ester} (IV) and 1,3,5-tris-{4-[(6-coumarin)-yloxy-carbonyl]-4'-biphenoxy} hexyl ester} (V).

Similarly, claim 31 is amended to recite that an optical device comprises the compound having a 1, 3, 5-benzenetricarbonyl central moiety recited in claim 17 and a glassy nematic liquid crystal compound selected from the group consisting of 1,3,5-tris-{3-[4-(4'cyano-biphenyl-4-yloxy-carbonyl)-phenoxy]-propyl ester} (IV) and 1,3,5-tris-{4-[(6-coumarin)-yloxy-carbonyl]-4'-biphenoxy} hexyl ester} (V).

The foregoing amendments of claims 16 and 31 find support at page 20, lines 23-25, of the instant specification.

Claims 1-35 remain in this case, whose prompt allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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